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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Kristin L. Watkins et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2123
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Application No.: 10/778,021	)	Examiner: F. Ferris
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Filed: February 17, 2004	)	
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	)	
STAGGERING TIME POINTS	)	
FOR DEPLOYMENT OF RINGS	)	
IN A FIBER OPTIC NETWORK	)	
SIMULATION PLAN	)	

**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 ☐ \$110.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 ☐ \$740.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

<b>AMENDED CLAIMS</b>					
	<b>No. of Claims</b>	<b>Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid For</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Additional Fee</b>
Total Claims				x \$18.00 =	
Ind. Claims				x \$ 86.00 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
If Small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					

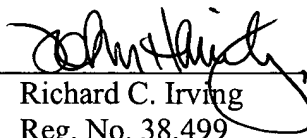
- ☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account no. 13-2491.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 13-2491 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2491.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.